

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Northern States Power Company
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

During an NRC inspection conducted from October 9 through November 19, 1996, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

Technical Specification 6.5.A.4 required that detailed written procedures covering surveillance and testing requirements that could have an effect on nuclear safety shall be prepared and followed. Surveillance Procedure SP 1305, "D2 Diesel Generator Slow Start Test," revision 13, was one procedure prepared in accordance with that specification.

Contrary to the above, on October 30, 1996, SP 1305 was not followed in that licensee operators failed to perform steps 7.67.3 and 7.67.4 to ensure the diesel engine would not start during an air roll.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Technical Specification 3.7.B.1 required, in part, that during startup or power operation, one diesel generator may be inoperable for 7 days provided that operability of the other diesel generator is demonstrated by performance of surveillance requirement 4.6.A.1.e within 24 hours. That requirement applied unless the diesel generator was inoperable due to preplanned preventative maintenance or testing.

Contrary to the above, on November 14, 1996, while Unit 2 was operating at full power, the D5 diesel generator was declared inoperable due to a problem with its ventilation system. Surveillance requirement 4.6.A.1.e was not performed to demonstrate operability of the redundant D6 diesel generator.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Northern States Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be

modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois,
this 27th day of December 1996